



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

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Tribal Program Newsletter



Changing of the Guard

As of April 2, Jean Gamache will be the Manager of the Tribal Program Office. Jean came to Region 9 from EPA's Alaska Operations Office two years ago and has worked in the Agency for ten years. Jean was a participant in Region 9's Leadership Development Program and has just completed a rotational assignment as acting manager of our Division's Toxics Office. From 1996 to 1997, she was a member the Agency's National Tribal Operations Committee and the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Jean has a Law degree and a Bachelor's degree in Justice and History. Jean is an enrolled tribal member of the Tlingit Tribe from Southeast Alaska. Jean will be responsible for management of the Tribal Program office, which provides funding and technical assistance to 130 tribes, manages the Regional Tribal Operations Committee, provides training for EPA employees working with tribes, and serves in a coordinating role for the Region's tribal programs.

Also on April 2, Clancy Tenley will begin his new position as Associate Director of the Community and Ecosystems Division. Clancy will provide policy guidance and issue management advice to the Tribal Program Office and other CED offices as the senior Division manager responsible for tribal issues and will fully contribute to overall division management as a member of the CED Senior Management Team.

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

 Apr 10-11	Eighth Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP)	Washington, DC	http://www.csg.org/policy/enviro/documents/callforposters3hyper.pdf
Apr 24-26	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Francisco, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
 Jul 23-26	National Forum on Contaminants in Fish	Portland, ME	http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/
Jul 24-26	RTOC Meeting	Pechanga, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 17-19	15 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or dignan.lilia@epa.gov



Sponsor: National Tribal Environmental Council

Apr 30- May 3	One World, One Environment	Albuquerque, NM	505-242-2175 ext.107, http://www.ntec.org
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Sponsor: Oregon Sea Grant

Apr. 3-5	Pacific Salmon Conference	Portland, OR	Eric Dickey, 541-737-2715 or eric.dickey@oregonstate.edu or http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/resilience/
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Sponsor: Cal/EPA

May 29-Jun 1	14 th Annual Cal/EPA Cross Media Enforcement Symposium	Napa, CA	http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm
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Sponsor: Sustainable Development Institute

Jun 11-15	Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development Conference	Green Bay, WI	www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org or Sustainable Development Institute
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Trainings**California Governor's Office of Planning and Research**

Apr 25	Senate Bill 18 (2004) Training Session	Placerville, CA	Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez, 916-445-0613 or cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov . or www.opr.ca.gov
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**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Apr 30-May 4	Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 2-4	Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 15-18	Environmental Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below

Contact the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

**Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)**

Apr 3-4	Pumps: Operations and Maintenance	Tempe, AZ	See below
Apr 17-20	Wastewater Collection and Small Wastewater Treatment – Lagoon, Level One	Tempe, AZ	See below

For more information, call Deborah Patton, 602-307-1548 or fax 602-258-4825 or go to <http://www.itcaonline.com/>.

Sponsor: California Indian Health Services

Apr 10-12	Water Distribution Operations Course	Escondido, CA,	David Robbins Ph# 760-735-6891 or 707-462-0457
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Sponsor: The Grant Institute's Grants 101:

Apr 18-20	Professional Grant	Providence, RI	For more information call 888-824-4424
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	Proposal Writing		or go to http://www.thegrantinstitute.com
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for our courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887

Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com> or <http://www.netionline.com>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding through the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity announcement solicitation will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete takes a minimum of 15 days to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

Department of Energy (DOE)

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information, go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.html>

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Tribal Compliance Assurance Programs

EPA Region 9 solicits proposals for Tribal Compliance Assurance Programs. EPA anticipates awarding 1 to 3 grants and/or cooperative agreements ranging in size from approximately \$30,000 to \$90,000. The funding will support Tribal compliance activities including inspections for compliance with tribal laws, investigations, regulatory training, compliance assistance, outcome measurement, public education and outreach and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution. The deadline is April 18. Grants submitted after this date will not be accepted. Federally-recognized tribal governments in the Region 9 geographic area and intertribal consortia representing Tribes in the Region 9 geographic area are eligible to

apply. For more information contact, Kate Nooney, 415-947-4266 or go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/compl-assurance-for-tribes-2007.pdf>



Solid Waste Reduction and Management Programs

EPA Region 9 solicits proposals to fund projects that address tribal solid waste reduction and management programs. The aim of this funding is to support the following types of tribal solid waste management projects:

- (1) Promote the development of cleanup, closure, and post-closure program for open dump waste sites through the development of planning documents and dumping prevention and enforcement programs. Grant funds can NOT pay for cleanup or construction costs.
- (2) Reduce the burning of residential waste through outreach, education, code/ordinance development and enforcement, creation of alternative disposal methods.
- (3) Conduct training or demonstration programs related to solid and household hazardous waste management including recycling, composting, or other waste reduction programs.
- (4) Provide seed money for projects that create innovative solutions to barriers to sustainable tribal solid waste management programs, including market research or feasibility studies for recycling.
- (5) Attend, host or provide solid waste management training.
- (6) Develop Integrated Solid Waste Management Plans

For the full announcement, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/rcra-2007.html> or at Grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=12771&mode=VIEW>. Deadline is 5 p.m. (PST) April 18, 2007



Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education Grant Announcement: Building Capacity to Address Environmental Health Risks during Pregnancy

EPA is soliciting proposals from organizations to fund building capacity to address environmental health issues during the prenatal period. EPA intends for these grants to develop effective mechanisms to educate pregnant women about environmental health risks, to demonstrate the effectiveness of information dissemination and behavioral change that results in reducing these risks, and to increase the number of health care providers who are fluent in prenatal environmental health issues. The statutory authority for this funding opportunity is provided under Clean Water Act Section 104; Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1445; Clean Air Act, Section 103; and Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10. For more information go to www.epa.gov/children and click on "grants and funding" or go to www.grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=12774&mode=VIEW> or email switzer.lavonne@epa.gov or call LaVonne Love Switzer, 202-564-2711. This announcement closes on April 26, 2007. .



Community for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program

EPA requests proposals for the CARE program. CARE supports community partnerships to develop a comprehensive understanding of the many sources of risk from toxics and environmental pollutants, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. The long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. \$2.7 million is expected to be available, and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Applications are due April 9. For more information, contact Larry Weinstock at weinstock.larry@epa.gov or Dave Ryan, 202-564-4355 ryan.dave@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0702 or epa.gov/care/



Conservation & Environmental Education Awards

The International Paper and the Conservation Fund requests nominations for the Conservation Partnership Award and the Environmental Education Award. The Conservation Partnership Award recognizes an individual who has achieved significant results in the protection of habitat through a cooperative relationship with a business or company. The Environmental Education Award honors an educator who has developed an innovative approach to environmental education that significantly improves student comprehension of environmental issues, fosters an

understanding of the link between environmental protection and economic growth, demonstrates leadership, and inspires achievement. An unrestricted \$10K grant is provided to each of the two winners. Responses due April 30. For more information, go to: <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2331> or <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2331>

Working with the Chemical Strategies Partnership

EPA has funded the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), an independent non-profit organization, to work with a tribe to evaluate opportunities to reduce chemical and waste costs. Anticipated benefits to the tribe include reducing costs, reducing hazardous and solid waste, and reducing toxic materials. CSP would like to select a tribe from Region 9 and is asking interested R9 tribes to please submit their interest. CSP is especially interested in tribes that may have multiple chemical-using operations in a centralized location. For more information, please contact Jeff Cole at 415-421-3405 x32 or jeff@chemicalstrategies.org

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

Mining-Impacted Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network request proposals for the Indigenous Communities Mini-Grant Program. This program supports capacity building efforts of mining-impacted indigenous communities to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health within their traditional territories. Individual grants NTE \$2.5K. Responses are due June 1, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004782/nativephilanthropy>

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Employment Opportunities



EPA Summer Student Employment Opportunities (SSEO) Web Site

This site enables students to learn about EPA offices and summer employment opportunities. Students will be able to submit a job application directly to the EPA location that has a vacancy. The EPA Jobs Website is located at: <http://www.epa.gov/careers>. The direct link to the SSEO Web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ohr/student>. This Web site will be available until May 18, 2007. The Office of Human Resources will provide supporting services by maintaining the Web site, collecting applicant and hiring data, and evaluating the process at the end of each summer. -+-If you have any questions about this summer hiring program, please call JoAnn Brant at 202-564-0375 or brant.joann@epa.gov.



Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

This Band has an opening for an air compliance specialist. For more information, contact Becky J. Ross 760-342-2593, ext. 84778

Tribal Environmental Director, Wiyot Tribe, Table Bluff Reservation, Loleta, CA

The Tribal Environmental Director supervises and directs the Tribal Environmental Department. The department develops, promulgates and monitors all aspects of the Tribe's environmental programs, including the ongoing restoration of Indian Island and efforts to ecologically restore the Eel River, and serves as an education function for the youth and other community/Tribal members. The department also provides environmental health and safety support for the physical plant and public works functions of the Tribe. A Bachelor's Degree in environmental field of study or equivalent experience and education is required. For additional information and to apply contact the Wiyot Tribe to obtain an Employment Application, 707-733-5055, www.wiyot.us. Return your completed application along with resume, cover letter, and three references to: Wiyot Tribe, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)

ITCA seeks a person who will administer project activities in accordance with EPA grants, which include: developing and implementing work plan activities, preparing and monitoring program budgets, producing written and verbal reports, and coordinating and facilitating meetings, workshops and technical training sessions. Submit or FAX resumes to: ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Attn: Bette Hartsfield, Human Resources Specialist or call 602 258-4822 or FAX 602-258-4825. This position will remain open until filled.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announces two employment opportunities.

Environmental Technician: Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Hydro Geologist, incumbent will perform specific objective and work plan activities under established environmental grants. This position will perform a variety of field tasks in support of tribal environmental and development projects. Candidate must have three years field experience.

Senior Planner: This person will perform a selection of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.

If you are interested in either of the above positions please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call 760--883-1345 for more information. Also, you may click on www.sparesortcasino.com.

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain open until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Miscellaneous Items

Tribal Resource Directory for Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

This directory highlights more than 30 federal and non-federal programs that provide funding and technical assistance for tribal drinking water and wastewater systems. It is accessible by going to <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/indian/tribal-resource-directory.html>. The Web site features a simple search tool, program fact sheets, examples of tribal success stories, and allows printing of a pdf copy of the Directory. Hard-copies will be distributed widely to federally recognized tribes, EPA Regional Indian Coordinators, and tribal assistance providers. Copies of the Tribal Resource Directory (EPA 832-R-06-007) will also be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications starting in mid-December. To order paper copies, call: 1-800-490-9198.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Logo Requests

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at williams.tina@epa.gov. For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among

polymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for

tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

http://www.wiyot.us/River_Summit.htm

http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news_october_2006.htm

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>

<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>

<https://www2.azserc.org/AZSERCHome/GatekeeperNewsletter/tabid/90/Default.aspx>

<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>

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